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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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RE: Request for Extended Calling Area from Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head Area
to Hilton Head Island
Docket No.: 2005-204-C

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Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and fifteen (15) copies of the Letter Requesting a Motion for an Additional Fourteen Day Extension in the above referenced matter. Please date stamp the extra copy enclosed and return it to me via our courier.

Also, we have served same on all parties of record and enclose a Certificate of Service to that effect.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Benjamin P. Mustian

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Donald A. Cotnoir
Mr. Bob Labonte, Hargray Communications
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PSC Docket No. 2005-204-C

Motion for an Additional Fourteen Day Extension

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On July 19, 2005, the Public Service Commission issued Order No. 2005-382 in the above referenced Docket requesting that the Office of Regulatory Staff investigate the costs of providing an Extended Calling Area from the Bluffton / Sun City Hilton Head area to Hilton Head Island and any possible alternatives to extended area calling. The Order further requested that ORS make its report and recommendation to the Commission within sixty (60) days of the order. Subsequently, because of a delay in receiving information from the companies and the necessity in evaluating the available options, ORS requested an additional forty-five (45) day extension which the Commission granted.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the companies have had further delays in providing the requested information to ORS in time to meet the extended deadline. Therefore, as referenced in the attached letter from Margaret M. Fox, ORS and Hargray Bluffton Telephone Companies respectfully request an additional fourteen day extension. This extension should give the companies and ORS sufficient time to provide the information required by the Commission's Order.

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni

October 25, 2005

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Mustian', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Benjamin P. Mustian

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Donald A. Cotnoir
Mr. Bob Labonte, Hargray Communications
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South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff
Post Office Box 11253
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RE: Request for Extended Area Calling Area from Bluffton/Sun City to Hilton Head
Island
Docket No. 2005-204-C

Dear Ms. Belser:

I am writing on behalf of Hargray and Bluffton Telephone Companies to request additional time in which to respond to the follow-up questions posed by the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") regarding the cost study that was filed by John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI") on Bluffton Telephone Company's behalf in the above-referenced matter.

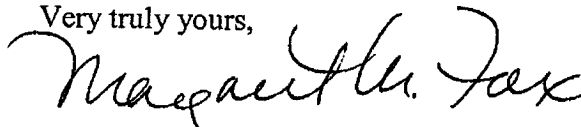
As you know, JSI filed a study, as requested by ORS, on October 3, 2005. ORS has since posed several questions regarding back-up information and details of the study. While JSI and the companies have been working diligently to answer those questions, the process has been hindered somewhat by the fact that the JSI consultant who prepared the study has been on medical leave. We believe the information you have requested can be provided very soon; however, it does not appear that your questions will be resolved in time for ORS to make its report to the Public Service Commission on Thursday, October 27.

In the interest of ensuring that ORS has all of the information it needs before filing its report with the Commission, we would like to suggest that the Companies and ORS jointly request from the Commission a two-week extension of time for ORS to file its report in this matter.

Florence P. Belser
October 25, 2005
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Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can provide anything further.

Very truly yours,



Margaret M. Fox

MMF:rwm
Enclosures

cc: James M. McDaniel
Robert J. LaBonte'

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-204-C

IN RE: Request for Extended Calling Area)
From Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head)
Area to Hilton Head Island) **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**
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This is to certify that I, Pamela McMullan, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **Letter regarding Motion for an Additional Fourteen Day Extension** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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